PRESIDENT: I think there has been some mistake about it. Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai says that he has got a scheme that there should be a sanitary assistant for every pakuthi or population of 10000, and that such a scheme is under consideration of Government.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the Government intends to start it?

PRESIDENT: That is exactly what cannot be asked, as it relates to future action.

Malaria in Pathanamthitta taluk and Peermade.

370. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the prevalence of malaria in Konni and other areas in Pathanamthitta taluk and also in Peermade; and

(*b*) what measures they have taken to combat the spread of this epidemic?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A *copy of the press note dated 7-7-45 issued by Government detailing the measures taken in the matter is laid on the table.

Malaria relief.

371. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether Pipready-to-spray insecticide is being used now in connection with malaria relief?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes.

Attack of malaria and typhoid in Minachil.

372 *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of people who were attacked by malaria and typhoid during this year 1120 in the taluk of Minachil and how many died; and

(*b*) what are the measures adopted to prevent the epidemics?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:

(*a*)

Malaria	Attacks	...	6,525
	Deaths	...	11
Typhoid	Attacks	...	36
	Deaths	...	4

(*b*) For the control of malaria, distribution of Quinine is carried on by the field staff of the Public Health Department by house to house visit. 5 treatment centres have been started in the affected localities for the purpose.

For the control of typhoid, anti-typhoid inoculations are carried out. 545 inoculations were done by the field staff so far during this year.

Outbreak of malaria.

373 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the outbreak of a serious type of malaria in the eastern pakuthies of Tiruvalla taluk;

* *Vide* Appendix II—Page 910.

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Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 358.**

NOTE.

The Industrial Relations Committee, Shertallai, consists of 7 representatives of employers and 7 representatives of labour. The Tahsildar, Shertallai, is the President and Convener of the Committee. Two members from each side will make the quorum for the meetings of the Committee. Members are eligible for re-election every year.

The Industrial Relations Committee, Alleppey, consists of an equal number of representatives of the Travancore Coir Mats and Matting Manufacturers' Association and the Travancore Coir Factory Workers' Union, with a Chairman who may be one elected by both the parties from among themselves or from outside.

Appendix II.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 370.**

PRESS NOTE.

Government have sanctioned the following arrangements for more effective control of malaria in the infected areas of the State.

1. A Malaria Special Officer is appointed for the Northern and Central Districts with his head-quarters at Pathanamthitta.

2. The Pathanamthitta taluk Sanitary Circle is divided into two zones each under a Sanitary Circle Officer, as a temporary measure.

3. Two Sanitary Circle Officers are deputed as Sub-Assistant Surgeons for rendering immediate treatment to the dangerously stricken people in the affected rural areas.

4. An itinerant dispensary unit with medicine including all the injection materials and anti-malarial drugs and with one of the ambulance vans of the Medical Department will be made available to the Public Health Department by the Surgeon General.

5. Temporary dispensaries each manned by a compounder and a peon are sanctioned for a period of three months in the following places:—

(i) Kuttamangalam
(ii) Karikkad.
(iii) Erumeli.
(iv) Manimala.
(v) Ezhumattur.
(vi) Perinad.
(vii) Kodallur (near Pathanamthitta).

6. In Poonjar where there is a bi-weekly dispensary, arrangements will be made by the Surgeon General for the compounder to remain and dispense medicines for malaria patients throughout the day.

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7. The diet of the malaria-stricken patients will be given in the respective hospitals and dispensaries. The necessary steps will be taken for the purpose by the Surgeon General.

8. Any sub assistant surgeon who is found to be lacking in co-operation with the Public Health Department in combating malaria will be severely dealt with by the Surgeon General.

9. The Medical Officers in charge of all the hospitals and dispensaries in the infected areas will see that mixtures are made and given to every patient who is stricken with malaria and also for the supply of quinine tablets whenever needed.

10. Anti-malarial drugs will be supplied by the Surgeon General to all the medical institutions in the State in sufficient quantities and all Medical Officers who are found not distributing it properly will be dealt with severely.

11. In the affected areas the co-operation of the village officer and the subordinates of the Education and the Police departments will be sought and made use of in combating the spread of the epidemic and bringing it under control as quickly as possible. The Division Peishkars and the Inspector General of Police have instructions to arrange for the necessary assistance and co-operation being given by their subordinates.

12. As a sort of relief measure, arrangements will be made for local paddy being made available as far as possible for distribution among the infected people and also for kerosene and sugar being supplied to them in reasonable quantities.

Appendix III.

Vide Answer to Question No. 374.

Statement of malaria stricken pakuthies with deaths till 31st Mithunam 1120.

CHANGANACHERRY TALUK.

Pakuthy.		*No. of deaths.*
Nedunkunnam	...	11
Vellavoor	...	...
Vazhur	...	...
Chirakadavu	...	...
Kanjirapalli north	...	...
Cheruvalli	...	..
Kanjirapalli south	...	1
Manimala	...	10

PEERMADE TALUK.

Pakuthy		
Peermade	...	26
Vandiperiyar	...	3
Vandanmettu	...	4
Peruvanthanom	...	19

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